

CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday 10 October 2016 6-7:50 pm

Holiday Park Community Center

11710 Comanche Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111

1. Call to order—Doug Brosveen, Vice-Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Introductions of Council and Visitors

3. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda

The Agenda was amended to include a presentation by Todd Kersting of the SE CPC and subsequently approved on voice vote.

4. Review/correction/approval of Minutes from September 12th meeting *

The minutes had previously been reviewed by Council members, revised, and approved by Chair Wilson via email. Formal approval was motioned by Dianne Layden, seconded by Joe Abbin and approved by all members present.

5. APD Communications:

a. “Snapshot” of Area activities (Crime Report appended to these Minutes)--

Sgt Anaya reported briefly on September’s criminal activity on the FAC. The rash of vehicle thefts and burglaries continues, with many of these a result of unforced entry. An increasing number of the burglaries showed evidence of attempted theft of the vehicles.

The 55 residential burglaries included entry through open garage doors or unlocked doors or windows. The /foothills 30-Day Garage Door Pledge encouraged awareness of the importance of keeping garage doors closed. Crime Prevention specialist Jill Garcia suggested that the Pledge was successful—at least during the 30 day period.

b. Report on crimes against persons in the Foothills Crime Report from APD--

Cdr Rodgers noted the 6 armed robberies to persons and 2 home invasions, among other crimes.

c. Reports from Celina Espinoza and/or Nicole Chavez-Lucero--

Community Outreach Coordinator Chavez-Lucero reported that the first large all-public Coffee with a Cop at Albuquerque Academy drew a crowd of 150.

The CPC publicity brochure will be sent out in City water bills; this was a recommendation from Foothills CPC. Following a request, she will send out the brochure in electronic form for further distribution. In addition, a Public Service Announcement is being prepared, to publicize the CPCs.

In a change of procedure, CPC reports to the APD Chief will be handled by Nicole, rather

than through the CPOA.

An audience member raised questions about the CPC application and participation processes. He was assured that both the application process and the audience participation process are designed to be as fully inclusive of all citizens as possible; no one is to be excluded on the basis of identity. Attendees were encouraged to apply for membership on the Council; they would undergo a very limited background check and be required to attend the Citizen Police Academy.

She noted that the letter from the City Concerning Independent Monitor's Special Report - September 2016 can be seen online at

(<http://www.cabq.gov/police/documents/citys-final-comments-to-special-report-09-02-16.pdf>)

6. Featured Speaker: Det. Shaun Willoughby, President, Albuquerque Police Officers Association:

Det Willoughby described the union as an advocate for police officers, offering legal protection and negotiating contracts on their behalf. The board of the union comprises 20 officers.

He noted that the crime rate in the city was lowest when the number of officers was highest and that the crime rate has gone up as the number of officers has gone down. He said that while the pay rate for new officers is competitive, in subsequent years, the pay rate becomes less so. (The Austin PD has recruited officers from across the country with a high rate of pay.) He asserted that, contrary to some published reports, APD should have 1300-1400 officers to adequately cover the city. In addition, he noted the difficulty of officers' absorbing changing policies, so that they would know the new policies intimately and thereby behave properly. Council member Layden said that her study of 278 APD shootings indicated a lot of bad history.

One citizen in attendance suggested that having line officers and their supervisors in the same union is problematic.

Responding to a question, CPOA director Harness said that a higher rate of pay would attract a higher quality of officers and hence have a positive impact on the behavior of officers. He said that the recent national conference of citizen oversight boards was attended by about 1400 attendees from 107 cities. The CPOA meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 5pm in City Council chambers.

7. Pulse of the Neighborhoods—reports from CPC members and citizens:

Member Layden noted an attempted carjacking that was foiled by the vehicle's owner.

An audience member said there was a home invasion in the neighborhood.

8. Recommendations:

There were no recommendations brought forward at the meeting.

9. Other business:

a. Recruitment of new CPC members--

There was some discussion of CPC application process during Nicole Chavez-Lucero's presentations.

b. Recommendations for speakers--

There were no recommendations made at the meeting.

c. Presentation by Todd Kersting of the SouthEast CPC--

Mr Kersting outlined the creation of a new website (www.CivNet.com), which will be an easy way for citizens and CPC members to communicate about topics relevant to APD and the city. The site is still being formed

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting: Monday 14 November 2016 6-7:50 pm Holiday Park Community Center

Comments or questions?:

Carolyn Wilson, CPC Chair
Doug Brosveen, CPC Vice-Chair
Philip Crump, CPC Facilitator

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ATTENDEES:

CPC Members:

Joseph Abbin
Douglas Brosveen, Vice-Chair
Dianne Layden
Sabrina Slauson, Youth Representative
Ryan Trujillo (absent)
Carolyn Wilson, Chair
Philip Crump, Facilitator

APD Foothills Area Comand representatives:

Cdr Shane Rodgers
Sgt Adam Anaya
Lt Bret White

APD:

Det Shaun Willoughby, APOA President
Nicole Chavez-Lucero, Community Outreach
Civilian Police Oversight Agency:

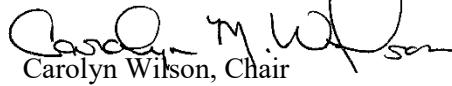
Edward Harness, Executive Director

Visitors and Neighborhood representatives: 18 citizens attended the meeting.

SUBMITTED:


Philip Crump, Facilitator

READ AND APPROVED:


Carolyn Wilson, Chair

* Minutes of CPC meetings are posted at <http://www.cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council/community-policing-council-minutes>



Crime in the Foothills Area Command: September 2016

Armed Robberies to Businesses: 5

Robberies to an Individual: 6

Robbery/Residential (Home Invasion): 2

Robbery/Vehicle (Car Jacking): 2

Stolen Vehicles: 109 (+ 31 additional attempts to steal vehicles during auto burglaries)

Commercial Burglaries: 12

Residential Burglaries: 55

Left garage doors open (2), pried open doors, entry via unlocked windows and doors, used lost set of keys to enter, kicked open front doors and walked right in via an open garage door.

- Multiple cases at apts where offenders were allowed to reside without a lease and later broke into the unit to steal articles.
- Launched Foothills 30-Day Garage Door Pledge – to bring awareness about leaving garage doors open and the multiple crimes an open garage door can attract.
- Leaving the garage door open has led to auto theft, auto burglary, residential burglary and in some cases offenders are inside the home at the same time as the victim(s) because the door from the garage to the home is unlocked.

Auto Burglaries: 144

Many, many unforced entries to unlocked vehicles (unlocked, windows left cracked open, vehicles left with doors opened).

Others were popped locks or smashed windows to get to items left inside the vehicle.

Firearms stolen in the Foothills in burglaries: 7 (6 from autos, 1 from residence)

Trending –

Seeing auto burglaries moving from usual grabbing stuff to attempting to steal vehicle as well.

Seeing many stolen vehicles located later that day in other areas and area commands.

Many preventable crimes happening due to not locking up vehicles/homes.

Watch for: more crime at hotels/motels with Balloon Fiesta visitors; more auto thefts due to warming up vehicle and leaving the vehicle running unattended.

What are you leaving behind in your vehicle??

Articles stolen in the Foothills in September from vehicles:

- 380 caliber gun, KelTec 9 MM auto, 1911 9MM extended magazine, Ruger 422, Ruger 380 caliber, 45 caliber Smith & Wesson, numerous knives, handcuffs.
- Birth certificate, Grandma's debit card, multiple bank cards, multiple checks/checkbooks, numerous IDs, multiple passports, several drivers licenses, handicap placard, multiple sets of vehicle registration/insurance papers, numerous Social Security cards, a box full of Social Security cards from one vehicle, keys to switch railroad tracks and work the railroad signals, military police cell phone, govt WIC card, books of blank checks.
- Several garage door openers.
- Multiple purses and wallets, \$600 cash left inside vehicle where victim walked away leaving purse and the doors to the vehicle open, coins left in center consoles, numerous back packs and book bags and gym bags, books.
- Laptops, tablets, computers, iPads, binoculars, various electronics, battery packs for iPhones, LED flashlight, car chargers, mouse, multiple stereo/radios.
- Wrench, vehicle battery, tire tools, car medical kit, bags of tools, industrial paint machine, a cord.
- Clothes, shoes, gym clothes, work clothes, sunglasses, baseball equipment bags, rosary, an Inhaler.

Resources – Things to Know About:

- **Foothills 30-day Garage Door Pledge:** 08/29 – 9/27
Pledge form sent to FH NAs/HOAs and N.Watch Block Captains to be good neighbors and alert another neighbor if they left the garage door open; pledging to close their own garage doors.

Too many multiple crimes stemming from leaving garage doors open.

During Pledge we had one reported burglary where access was made via a garage door left open at the home.

The day after the Pledge ended, we had cases reported of multiple crimes committed that started with entry via open garage doors.

- **Workshop Wednesday:** **October – Crime Prevention for the Home:** FULL
- **Officer Appreciation Day:** Saturday, October 29th 1000-1400 hr, Manzano Mesa Multi-Generational Center at 501 Elizabeth SE.
- **SUBSCRIBE! Foothills web site:** www.foothillsareacommand.com.
- **This is your source for crime prevention information directly from the APD Foothills Crime Prevention Specialist.**